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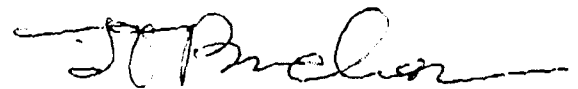
Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my personal opinion about the government's role in Microsoft's freedom to innovate. The United States Department of Justice and Microsoft reached an agreement at the beginning of this past November and that is where the litigation should end. The settlement was fair; allowing Microsoft to continue doing business while allowing competitors to sue Microsoft if they do not think the company is complying with the agreement.

I believe no more litigation should be enacted at the federal level. With a reasonable settlement already reached, further action by our government would only waste more time and money. In this time of economic recession, these resources could be used in a much more productive manner. In these trying times, we need to support our homeland companies and allow them to continue providing high quality products to the marketplace both nationally and internationally. This settlement allows our companies to actually return to the success that the IT industry enjoyed four years ago. Microsoft will now be making future versions of Windows that will include a way to greatly simplify the process of adding and removing non-Microsoft programs from the Windows operating system.

In a battle that already has been fought and won, I believe it would be in our best interest not to continue suing Microsoft at the federal level. Let us get our economy back on track and start supporting products and companies that are made in the USA. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



J.T. Buchar